THE VALLEY HOSPITAL
Paramus, New Jersey

Hearing Handicap Inventory in the Elderly (HHIE)

Please answer **No, Sometimes, or Yes** for each question.
Do not skip a question if you avoid a situation because of a hearing problem.

Questions	No	Sometimes	Yes
1. Does a hearing problem cause you to use the phone less often than you would like?	0	2	4
2. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when you meet new people?	0	2	4
3. Does a hearing problem cause you to avoid groups of people?	0	2	4
4. Does a hearing problem make you irritable?	0	2	4
5. My hearing problem causes me difficulty or frustration when talking with others.	0	2	4
6. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when attending a party?	0	2	4
7. Do you have difficulty hearing/understanding co-workers, clients/customers, or waitstaff?	0	2	4
8. Do you feel significantly disadvantaged by a hearing problem?	0	2	4
9. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when visiting friends, relatives, or neighbors?	0	2	4
10. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel frustrated with hearing/understanding co-workers, clients/customers, or waitstaff?	0	2	4
11. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty hearing in the movies or in the theater?	0	2	4
12. Does a hearing problem cause you to be nervous?	0	2	4
13. Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives, or neighbors less often than you would like?	0	2	4
14. Does a hearing problem cause you to have arguments with family members?	0	2	4
15. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when listening to TV or radio?	0	2	4
16. Does a hearing problem cause you to go shopping less often than you would like?	0	2	4
17. Does any problem or difficulty with your hearing upset you at all?	0	2	4
18. Does a hearing problem cause you to want to be by yourself?	0	2	4
19. Does a hearing problem cause you to talk to family members less often than you would like?	0	2	4
20. Do you feel that any difficulty with your hearing limits or hampers your personal or social life?	0	2	4
21. Does a hearing problem cause you difficulty when in a restaurant with relatives or friends?	0	2	4
22. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel depressed?	0	2	4
23. Does a hearing problem cause you to listen to the television or the radio less often than you would like?	0	2	4

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Questions	No	Sometimes	Yes
24. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel uncomfortable when talking to friends?	0	2	4
25. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel left out when you are with a group of people?	0	2	4
Totals:			
Grand Total:			

Scoring & Interpretation

- **Total Score:** _____ /100
- **Social (S):** _____ /48 (Items 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23)
- **Emotional (E):** _____ /52 (Items 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12,14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25)

Results

- **0-16%**: No handicap
- **18-42%**: Mild-Moderate Handicap
- **44%+**: Significant Handicap

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